



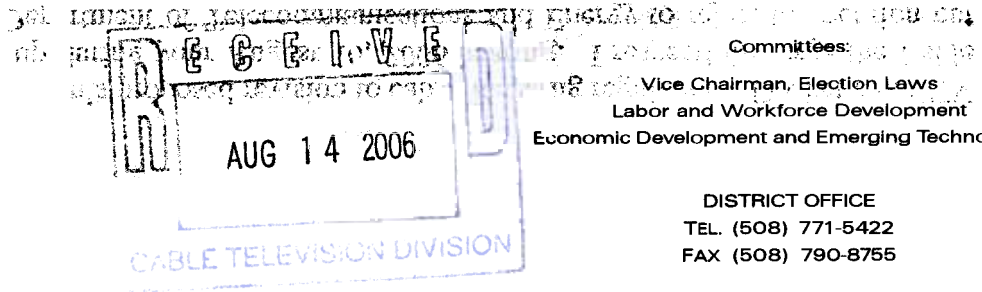
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Andrea Nixon  
Clerk, Cable Television Division  
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Dear Clerk Nixon:

I am writing in regards to Verizon's proposed revision to cable licensing regulations, Docket No. CTV 06-01, which will be taken up during your August 16, 2006 hearing. I respectfully urge the Cable Television Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to reject the petition put forth by Verizon.

There are a variety of important issues that need to be looked at when a cable license application is being reviewed. The municipal right-of-way is key in taking into account the best interests of the public and it must be managed accordingly. Safety issues, provisions for removing obsolete equipment, and the monitoring of construction plans to ensure that the public's needs are best met and the conditions of local roadways are not negatively affected must all be taken into consideration. It is evident that the proposed thirty day deadline is not enough time to address these issues.

Verizon's proposal pertaining to the revision of cable licensing regulations should be rejected. In its place, the input of municipalities through the Massachusetts Municipal Association should be sought and these recommendations used to form new regulations that will both encourage competition and enable local governments to protect the people they serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Demetrius J. Atsalis  
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